

**REMARKS**

This response is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Claims 2-3 and 48-60 are pending. Claims 1 and 4-47 have been cancelled.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 2 and 3.

In view of the cancellation of claim 5, the Examiner's objection to this claim is now moot.

In view of the cancellation of claim 7, the Examiner's objection to this claim is also now moot.

Claim 48 has been amended such that R<sup>3</sup> no longer includes "aryl optionally substituted by one or more R<sup>6</sup>, heteroaryl optionally substituted by one or more R<sup>6</sup>". Therefore, claim 48 and the claims that depend from it, as amended, do not have Ar<sup>2</sup> as defined by Burkholder (WO94/26735). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection of the claims under 35 USC § 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.


The claim objection in which claims 4, 7, 10-12, 15, 25, 29, and 43 are objected to because they depend on claim 48, a subsequent claim, is believed to be moot in view of the claims Applicants have submitted in this response. Hence, it is respectfully requested that this objection be reconsidered and removed.

There is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with this correspondence.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the claims be reconsidered and allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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